



4/29/98 Fall from vehicle

At approximately 3:30 p.m., the supervisor of a towing company decided to straddle a motorcycle that was on the flatbed of a tow truck.

He was trying to assist by holding the bike upright on the trip back to the tow yard approximately a mile away. As the driver of the tow truck slowly negotiated a left-hand turn, the centrifugal force tipped the bike to the right, pinning the victim under the bike. In the effort to struggle free, the victim fell over the side of the moving tow truck, and was run over by the rear wheel. The victim was conscious for some moments after the incident, however expired on 5/6/98. He leaves a wife and one child.

Questions to ask?

- How do you transport materials in your business?
- How is the load secured to prevent slippage or falling?
- Are workers allowed to ride in or on vehicles without being secured in a conventional vehicle seat?